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- We agreed to hold our next meeting on January 6, and to invite Postmaster Barrett to the meeting. The Board of Trustees will meet on January 20.
- I asked if anyone knows W. E. Taylor and Oliver Shifler said that he did and he said that he would get me W. E. Taylor's address--he lives out of town. I believe Ollie said that he buried W. E. Taylor's father not too long ago.
- I showed my colleagues the D&H canal photo that appeared in THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT of December 30, 1982. We discussed the photo and also the fact that even now new photos and information about the D&H are still coming to light. This new photo is owned by James Bader.
- I brought to the attention of my colleagues the recent article by Barbara Wroblewski on Casino Hall that appeared in THE CARBONDALE NEWS of Dec. 1, 1982, p. 5. I praised Barbara for her historical writing and also brought up the idea of holding a meeting at Casino Hall. I think the idea of having a Cotillion there is grand. Sue Stephens agrees with me.
- The Post Office: I handed out copies of my telegram to McDade and my letter to Bolger and copies of the list of names, addresses and telephone numbers (Dated 12-10-1982). Walter O'Hara has recently agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees and so his name will have to be added to the list. Oliver Shifler reported that Andrew Leo's name was inadvertently left off the list of Council members that Ollie gave me. He is the brother-in-law of someone who was present at the meeting: Ann Rogalski I think. It was decided that Postmaster Barrett should be invited to the next meeting of the CHS on 12-06-1982 and that I should invite him. We will open the meeting to the public. The meeting will be held in one of the churches, I think. We will perhaps have a demonstration on 12-07-1982 at the Post Office. We will draw up petitions to be signed by the general public about the new Post Office proposal. I read my letter to Bolger and asked the Society if they think that I should mail it. Yes, was their unanimous response.
- I showed my colleagues the page of the Commissioners' Minutes, 1851-1891, on which it is reported that CCH I burned on 02-14-1860, not 1859 or 1869 as had previously been thought.
- I thanked Sue Stephens for her publicity work. The notice in THE NEWS on 12-08-1982 is nicely headed: "First holiday party planned."

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A copy of my telegram to McDade was reprinted in the December 1982 BEREAN NEWS, under a heading "DO WE REALLY NEED A NEW POST OFFICE?" Some names and addresses were given after the telegram. Kay Shifler handed me a letter from Robert Bifano (Executive Director YMCA) dated December 1, 1982, asking for a \$500 contribution to the Y. Not this year. Jane Dailey's phone number, just for the record, is 282-4549; Sue Stephens lives at 133 Salem Avenue and her phone number is 282-6245. Paul Starzer lives at 1 Rear Orchard Street and his phone number is 282-2194. On page 97 of the Commissioners' Book of Carbondale it states, in the hand of Robert Maxwell, "City Hall was Burnt Feb 14. 1860." That is written between an entry dated Feb. 13, 1860 and an entry dated March 10, 1860. The CHS meeting/Christmas party went on until about 10:45 P.M., at which time JVB and the Shiflers and I cleaned up and I drove JVB home. He was walking into his door at about 1 minute to 11 P.M., which is the curfew at his house. On Friday morning I got up and finished a promotional mailing and went to the Post Office at 12:30, where I was to meet JVB. I finished addressing the envelopes as I stood at one of the tables in the lobby. As I stood there Postmaster Barrett came by and handed me a letter that Panagakos (a subscriber to NP who wants his refund) had written to him. Postmaster Barrett and I exchanged the pleasantries of the day and I continued to address envelopes. All of a sudden JVB's mother came by. She was mailing a few letters. She also asked if had seen JVB. She reported that on his way to meet me he had been hit by a car in the Ames parking lot. Someone just knocked him down and left the scene of the accident. He is OK, said his mother, but she seemed very upset, as well she might be. The guy who hit JVB got out of the car and told John to watch out for his car. John did not get the license plate number but he accurately described the car to the police and as he was coming out of the police station the very car he had described was coming down Main Street. John got the number and the police did a search and the police are taking action. Since I have known JVB the following accidents have happened to him: sprained knee, metal cinders in his eye, he cut the tip of one of his fingers off, and now this accident. At about 1:30 JVB came into the Post Office and I was glad to see that all was well--he seemed to be unhurt and in good spirits. We did the bulk mailing and then went into see Barrett and I asked Barrett if he would attend a meeting on Jan. 6 and he said yes. From the post office we went to THE NEWS and I gave Barbara Wroblewski a small write-up of the CHS soiree of the preceding evening and I publicly thanked Barbara for her historical articles and Sam Mancuso got involved in our Casino Hall conversation and he spoke very animatedly about the Casino Hall. I asked him if he would speak to the CHS on the building and he said yes. JVB and I went to THE TIMES and Palko and Vinansky were there and the extra papers (10-08-1982, 10-17-1982) were not there. This is the third time that I have ordered the copies from THE TIMES. I got a copy of THE TIMES that contains the article on the police monument next to City Hall that was done by a TIMES focus writer. Palko and Vinansky were very friendly and cordial, as they usually are. We next drove out to RTP's to ask him if he was interested in a Saturday evening work session. I got the order from RTP for the necessary supplies from Holts for the restoration. Russell and Tony were building the garage out behind RTP's house. It was snowing. We agreed not to have a work session on Friday night. JVB and